

MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

January 25, 2011

ATTENDANCE: Honorable Judge Mimi Cooper; Sheryl Deares; Warden Elwood DeHaven; Beth Jones; Robin Keener; Susan Kelly; Kathy Kraft; Sharon Lipford; Diane Lutz; Patrick McCracken; Dr. Jamshid Mian; Christin Rocha; Joe Ryan; Dr. Chris Saldanha

Robin Keener called the meeting to order and chaired the meeting.

Robin Keener stated the minutes of November 30, 2010 were approved online.

Robin Keener stated she would like to know where everyone is with goals of this year, and what they know of impending budget cuts.

Joe Ryan states at the state level, his office has not received any word as of yet. Office of Problem Solving Courts has contacted and stated they are cutting but are not sure how much yet. As the county budget goes, every department is giving back an additional 8.6%. FY12 will be fairly slim with some disasters. **Judge Mimi Cooper** states if Errors in Thinking is still occurring. **Joe Ryan** states yes, the location has moved to 5 N. Main St. **Judge Mimi Cooper** requested that a copy of the schedule for 2011 and the new location for Errors in Thinking be forwarded to her.

Judge Mimi Cooper states we should develop a strategic plan on how to approach the private industry and see if we can partner with them to get some funding. We are in the preliminary stages at this point and it is a statewide initiative.

Christin Rocha states they have no unusual budget cuts because they are a private practice other than the family programs that will be affected. They are seeing more dual-diagnosis clients, more clients who are in need of medication promptly, and we are seeing more middle aged clients.

Dr. Jamshid Mian states some late diagnosis' are for anxiety or depression. The cost of medicine is rising which is prohibiting clients to obtain their medication. **Christin Rocha** states these clients need to be in a day program. **Sharon Lipford** states the Peer Support Wellness Program in Aberdeen is free and is a drop-in. SPIN Program is available to help people get benefits and opens the doors for other resources.

Dr. Chris Saldanha states she is facing the same problem with dual diagnosis and sending them to a psychiatrist. She has a psychiatrist, Dr. Orlando Davis, come twice a week to her center to see the dual diagnosis patients.

Susan Kelly states with the HOPE grant, they have requested a budget modification. They would like to extend the program and pay for Dr. Stancliff 2 hours a week to see patients with co-occurring disorders. She has not heard back for Maryland Resource Commission in regard to that.

Sheryl Deares states there has been a 3% cut through ADAA, but we are not sure about cuts through the Health Dept. **Susan Kelly** states every state employee will receive a \$750 bonus this summer. The last 2 years we had furlough money, we then used the furlough money to support our budget. This year we will not have furlough money, but we will have the additional cost of

\$750 bonus of each employee, and we will not have H1N1 money this year. The vacancies have helped us offset the budget cuts. Our goal is to restructure the hours at Addictions to better serve the clients.

Beth Jones states the Adolescent Team will be working until 7:30 starting in February. A Parent Support Group has started which is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7. We have increased our assessment team from 2 to 3 to get intakes in quicker. The '05 Program had its first graduating class. Numbers are above 300 as far as clients in the program.

Patrick McCracken states St. Margaret's made a proposal to conduct another Social Norming at St. Margaret's Middle School. 52 out of 300 confirmation students chose the Substance Abuse Ministry.

Kathy Kraft states Healthlink Primary Care Clinic found a psychiatrist for 2 hours a week and a Social Worker for 1 ½ day for patients who have mental health issues. Kim Solberg is the Psychiatrist. 300% less than federal poverty level and they have to present with a physical problem. Homeless for anyone coming out of the juvenile detention center for 1 year is considered homeless. We have a stationary clinic in Havre de Grace and the Healthlink van goes to 4 different locations, and they have over 1800 patients.

Diane Lutz states there will be no cuts in staff with the exception that they are not replacing clerical positions. They are scheduled to have a kiosk installed in the office, where the offenders will report to the kiosk instead of the agents. They will have 1 Saturday a month for reporting for those who work and for LOW offenders.

Warden Elwood DeHaven states he is not looking for an increase in the budget his year. The operating budget is lower. Our goal is to maintain the services we provide. The lower level of the expansion will open next month which is the medical wing. By the end of this year, the Behavioral Health Unit expansion will open. We have the re-entry program which will start up sometime this year. We have 9 recruits, 2 vacancies for maintenance officer and a Chaplain.

Sharon Lipford states the statistics of last year include: 4,513 people were served last year; OMH provides \$2.3M grant funds for mental health services/programs, \$18.4M through the fee-for service system in Harford County; Mobile Crisis served 611 people; Urgent Care doctors for rapid care served 123; Crisis Intervention Team partnered with Law Enforcement and saw 184 people; Wellness Center saw 268 people; the Jail Case Management saw 184 people; School Based Mental Health saw 515 children. The budget forecast for Mental Health, mental health providers will get a 1.1% increase; and a 2.5% community program cut. DHMH will merge with DDA, ADAA, and HCQ (Health Care Quality) to have a Behavioral Health Administration.

Robin Keener stated for Homecoming Inc, they attended the budget hearing, recruited new Board members, and are doing more mini-grants. We are talking about doing extra fundraisers. **Robin Keener** suggested inviting someone from University of Maryland, such as an intern for a psychiatrist. **Sharon Lipford** states there is a small group of people who want to be Child Psychologists and they are in high demand, but we can try.

Adjournment

